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# 755 MK II

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Simply put, feedback is caused when amplified sound from a speaker gets back into a microphone and is then once again amplified. A few trips through the "loop" and the entire system is howling.

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Polyfusion Electronics, Inc.

30 Ward Road Lancaster, New York 14086 Tel: (716) 681-3040 Fax: (716) 681.2763

# Specifications: Model 755 Mk II Frequency Shifting Feedback Controller

Frequency Shift 1.5, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0 Hz

Shift Direction Up or Down (Switch Selectable)

Inputs

Line Level Up to +20dBm

Balanced XLR Connector, Z=600 Ohms or 10 kOhms (selectable)

(transformerless)

Unbalanced Phone Jack, Z=50 kOhms

**Outputs** 

Balanced Z=50 Ohms, XLR Connector

(transformerless)

Unbalanced Z=25 Ohms, Phone Jack

ParameterBypass ModeOperate (Shift) ModeFrequency Response±3dB 16Hz to 16kHz±3dB 24Hz to 16kHZMax Signal Capacity+20dBm+20dBm up to 6kHz

Noise level -72 ±2dBm -70±2dBm Signal to Noise Ratio 92dB Typical 90dB Typical

**Controls/Switches** 

Power On-Off Shift Direction Up-Down

Shift Amount 1.5-6.0Hz (6 Position Rotary)

Status Operate/Bypass

Voltage Selector 115-230 Volt (Rear Panel Slide Switch)

**Indicators** 

Power Green LED

Shift Rate Yellow LED (Pulsates at Shift Frequency)

Bypass Red LED

**Power Requirements** 

Voltage 100 to 230 Volts AC (rear panel voltage selector)

Frequency 50 to 60Hz Current 200 mA. (Max.)

Protection 250 mA. Fuse (User Accessible)

Connection Molded 3-Wire Cordset (Unplugs from Chassis)

Physical Rack Mount

Size 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 19 Inches (Overall)

Weight 4 ½ Pounds (Net)

Operating Temperature 0° to +70°C (32° to 158°F)





Email: aarono@andruslaw.com

January 23, 2018

#### VIA EMAIL

Patrice N. Perkins Creative Genius Law 5113 S. Harper Avenue, Suite 2C Chicago, IL 60609

> Re: POLYFUSION Mark Andrus Ref. 6539-00002

Dear Ms. Perkins:

Andrus Intellectual Property Law represents Polyfusion Synthesizers, LLC and Scott Radke in intellectual property matters. Your letter of January 18, 2018 was referred to me. Please direct all future correspondence to our attention.

Your letter notes that "[Polyfusion Electronics, Inc.] has designed, manufactured and sold music synthesizers in the United States and international markets, under the POLYFUSION mark since October 28, 1975. Additionally, Polyfusion Electronics, Inc. previously owned the federal trademark, registered on May 1, 1979 (Registration #1117225)." Your letter, however, fails to mention that your client abandoned U.S. Trademark Registration 1,117,225 as of August 9, 2000 according to USPTO records. Your letter also fails to mention that the apparent reason for abandonment of the Registration is that your client abandoned use of the POLYFUSION name for more than three consecutive years.

We note with interest the U.S. Trademark Application No. 87/513,037 filed on June 30, 2017 by "Polyfusion" a New York Corporation of Lancaster New York claiming a first use in commerce of March 7, 1977. The USPTO noted in a suspension letter of July 14, 2017 that this application is suspended in view of my client's trademark application Serial No. 87/416,699 which was filed on April 19, 2017 and which published for opposition on October 3, 2017. Your client took no action during the opposition period.

There is no evidence of your client's use of the mark or its intent to resume use of the mark for electronic music synthesizers prior to the 87/513,037 application. Later use of a trademark cannot retroactively cure a prior abandonment. To the extent your client is relying on "goodwill" from use prior to 2000, such residual goodwill is an insufficient defense to trademark abandonment. See *Hornby v. TJX*, 87 USPQ2d 1421 (2d Cir 1989).

Accordingly, my client is well within their rights to adopt the abandoned POLYFUSION mark. My client's trademark application Serial No. 87/416,699 filed on April 19, 2017 establishes a seniority right after the abandonment by your client.

With all of this said, if you have evidence of continuous use of the POLYFUSION mark from 2000 to 2017, we would appreciate to opportunity to review that

evidence and avoid unnecessary legal expenses. In the absence of such evidence, however, we can only assume that such evidence does not exist and that the abandonment evidenced by U.S. Trademark Registration 1,117,225 as of August 9, 2000 is accurate.

Finally, in light of the abandonment, your claims that the POLYFUSION mark is somehow famous, and that any alleged counterfeiting or confusion occurred under state laws appears far fetched.

Accordingly, Polyfusion Synthesizers, LLC and Mr. Radke will not acquiesce to the demands of your January 18, 2018 letter, but remain willing to amicably discuss resolution of your concerns.

Yours truly,

Aaron T. Olejniczak

ATO/mgm

Subject: Fwd: NAMM 2018 ?

From: @mac.com
To: @yahoo.com

Date: Monday, April 30, 2018, 1:58:59 PM EDT

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Polyfusion Synthesizers <polyfusionsynthesizers@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: NAMM 2018?

Date: September 27, 2017 at 8:43:29 PM PDT

To: Steve Porcaro

@mac.com>

Cc: Scott Adair <scott@londonco.com>

Dear Mr. Porcaro,

Thanks for reaching out to us.... we are really glad you did! This is a rather interesting (and somewhat embarrassing) first contact with someone who we hold in such high regard.

We are a new company and are preparing to debut our modular synthesizer at NAMM this winter, so we decided to do a soft announcement postcard at KnobCon- (please see attached PDF's of the postcard). For some reason, the printers included a handful of test printings of an early sticker concept we had which involved that really cool photo of you playing a Polyfusion Modular system-(an idea we shelved because we couldn't figure out how to get permission to use it.) Needless to say, some stickers made their way into a handful of "swag bags" and we sincerely apologize for that. We never meant to imply in any way that you would be at NAMM 2018;)

Sincerely,

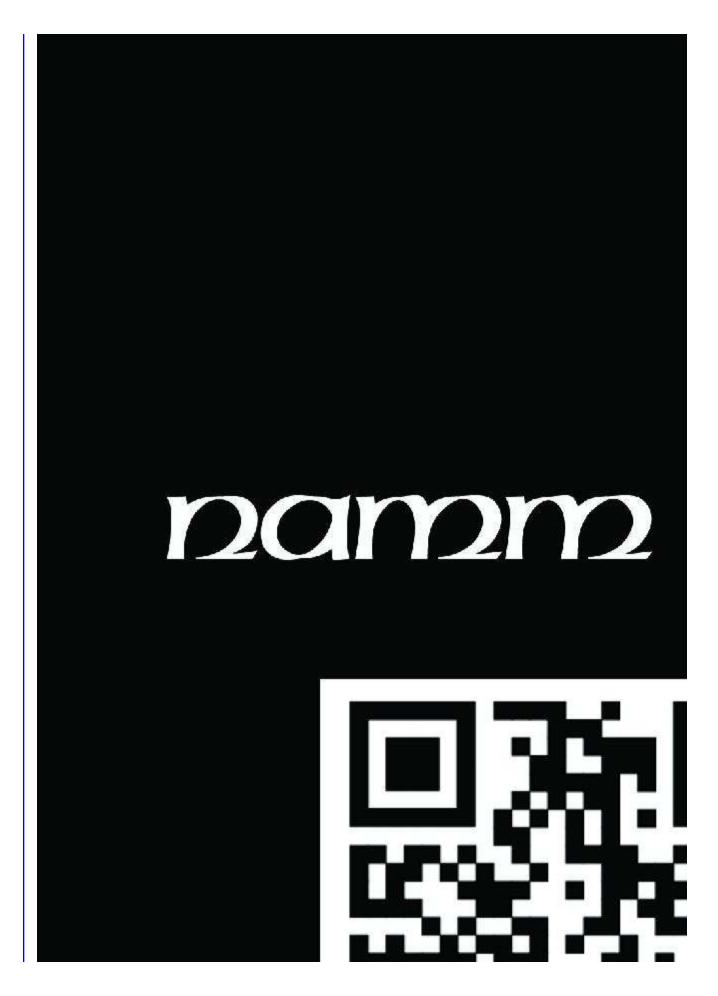
Scott and Logan

On Tue, Sep 26, 2017 at 8:39 PM, Steve Porcaro <a href="mailto:genzeuro"><u>@mac.com</u></a>> wrote:

Hey Guys

Just saw a card that said NAMM 2018 on one side, and the other side had nothing but my picture. What's up? For starters, I haven't made any plans to be at NAMM next year. Did you want to ask me something? Regards, Steve Porcaro

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Subject: ^\_Knobcon^\_ Exhibitor Update

From: mail@knobcon.com

To:

Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 3:44:11 AM EDT

Firstly, we'd like to say thanks for exhibiting at this year's event. Each year we are humbled by the growing number of people who commit to bring gear to this show of ours. We know there are lots of synth events happening these days. Your choice to make Knobcon part of your show schedule is something we, and our attendees are very appreciative of.

As we get closer to the event, we've got a few reminders as well as a few additional opportunities. As always if you have any questions, we're happy to help.

# Introducing a new product at Knobcon? Let us know!

We are looking to put together a section of the knobcon home page listing all the new gear that will be at the event. We will also use these items in social media posts to promote the show and drive attendance. If you have items that you'd like to see featured, please get in touch by replying to this email.

# **Call for Demo Derby Instruments**

Sorry for the late notice on this one, but we've been working with TASCAM over the past few weeks to put together a new Demo Derby concept. TASCAM has agreed to bring ten DP-006 Six Track Pocket Studios for use at the stations. Attendees will be able to do multitrack recording using the various derby instruments and be qualified for the drawing. Three winners will be chosen to win TASCAM gear!

If you would like to provide an instrument or set of instruments for the TASCAM Demo Derby, please send us an email. There is no cost to participate. Complete details are forthcoming.

# **Door Prizes and Giveaways**

If you have an item you'd like to donate as a door prize, let us know. We utilize donated prizes to help drive admission to the show, and to the annual Knobcon Banquet as well. We post these items on the website and in boosted social media posts along with your companies' name/info also.

# **Swag Bag Inserts**

If you want to have items inserted into the 500 Swag Bags, the deadline for the receipt of those items is September 1. Both Gold and Silver sponsors can have an item inserted free as part of their sponsorship, for others it's \$40.

Thanks and see you soon!

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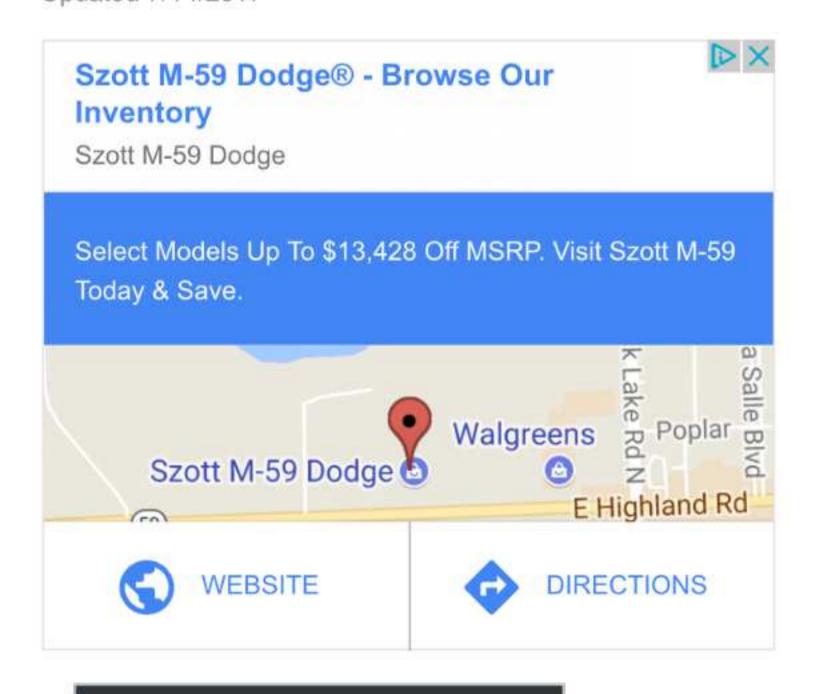
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# POLYFUSION SYNTHESIZERS, LLC

Wisconsin Department Of Financial Institutions Business Registration · Updated 7/14/2017



<u>Polyfusion Synthesizers, LLC</u> is a Wisconsin Domestic Limited-Liability Company filed on July 10, 2017. The company's filing status is listed as Organized and its File Number is <u>P070388</u>.

The Registered Agent on file for this company is Daniel Logan Erickson-Cudworth and is located at 28 N. Humboldt Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53212.

# Company Information

Company Name: POLYFUSION SYNTHESIZERS, LLC

File Number: P070388

Filing State: Wisconsin (WI)

Filing Status: Organized
Filing Date: July 10, 2017
Company Age: 2 Months

Registered Agent:

Daniel Logan Erickson-Cudworth

28 N. Humboldt Blvd. Milwaukee, WI 53212

# **Court Records**



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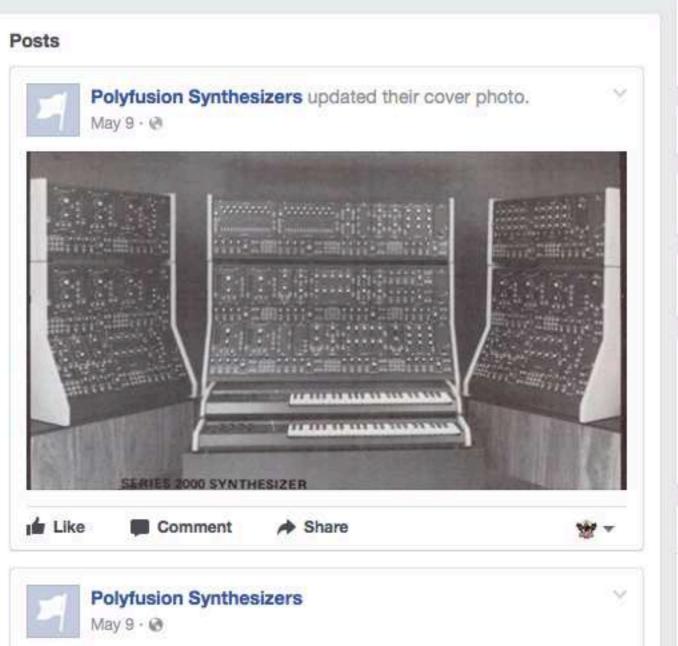
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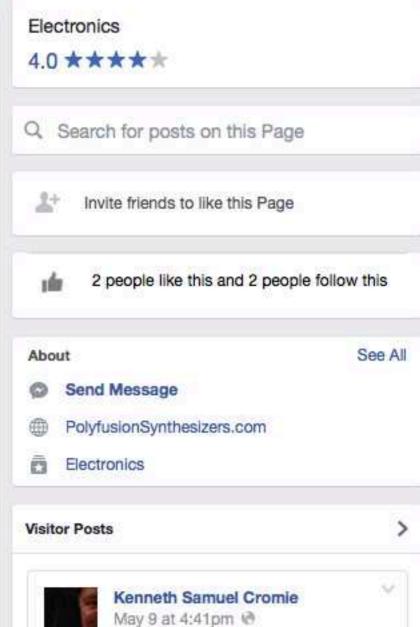
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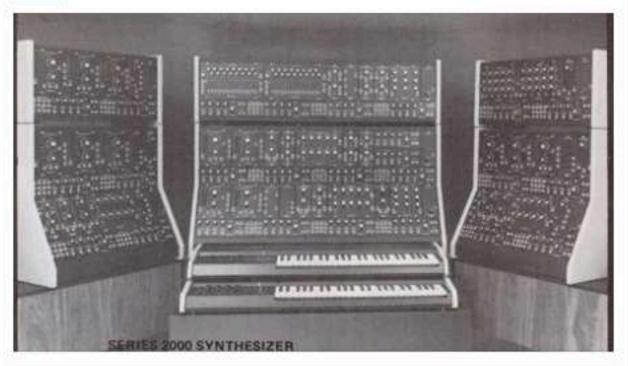
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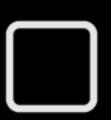
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# POLYFUSION T- SHIRT

\$25.00

Polyfusion T-Shirt

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ADD TO CART



It is my understanding that there were only two Polyfusions sold in Minnesota. The one sold to Herb, mentioned above, and another one which was sold to Steve Solum. I've known Steve for decades and I knew he had the Polyfusion in storage and was hanging onto it. I made various inquiries over the years to see if he'd be willing to sell it. Eventually, this became an annual ritual. I'd send him an email asking if he had given any more thought to selling the instrument and he'd say he still wanted to keep it. In 2017 I made my usual inquiry with Steve, and this time he finally relented. We agreed on a price, I picked it up and brought it directly over to Logan Erickson to have him start in on a restoration, which it needed seeing as it hadn't been powered-up for many years. I can't believe my good fortune to have this opportunity once again to own such a rare and interesting instrument.



Picking up the Polyfusion from Steve.



Modules on the shelf during restoration.



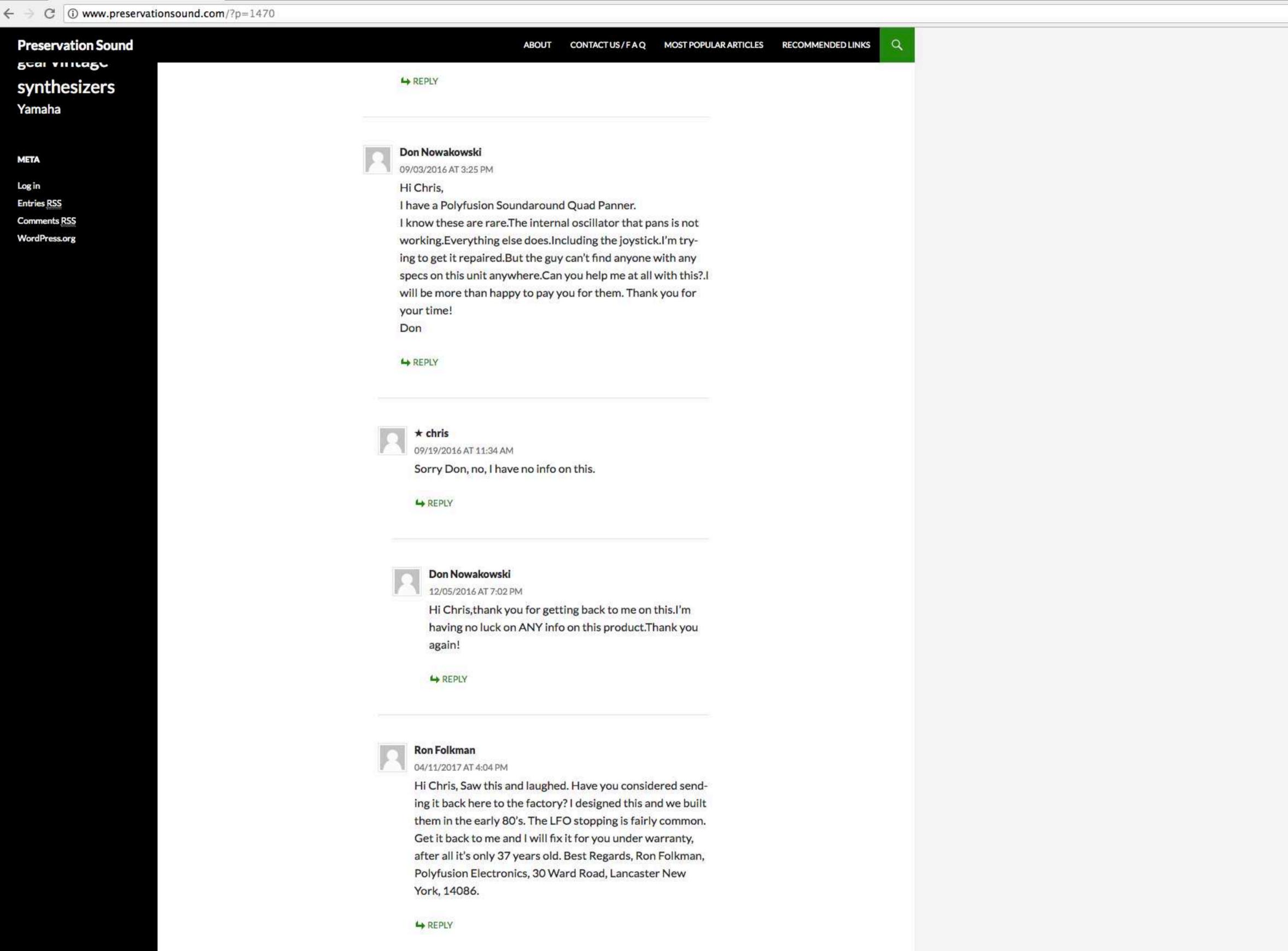
Logan inspecting one of modules.



The keyboard controls.

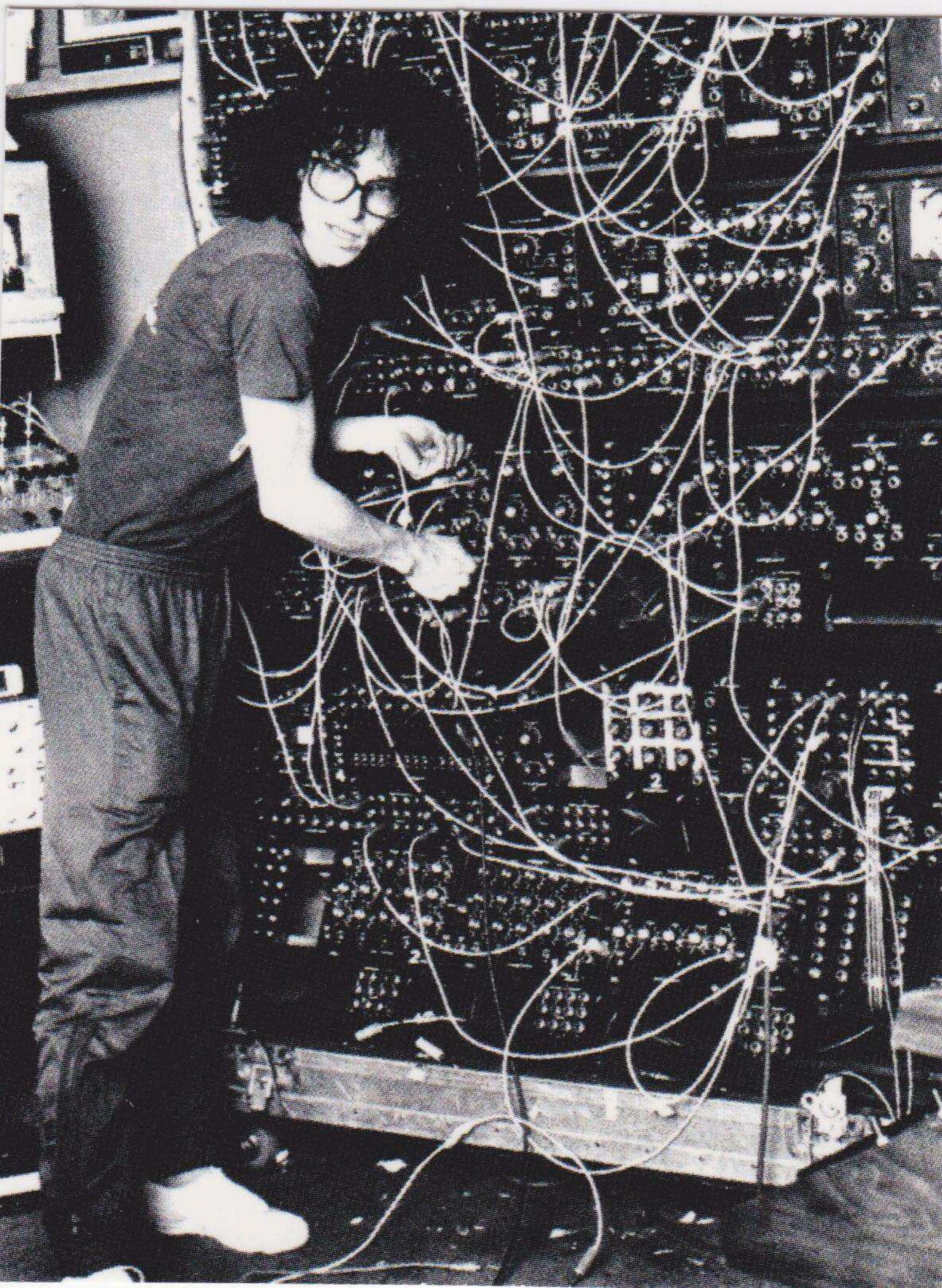


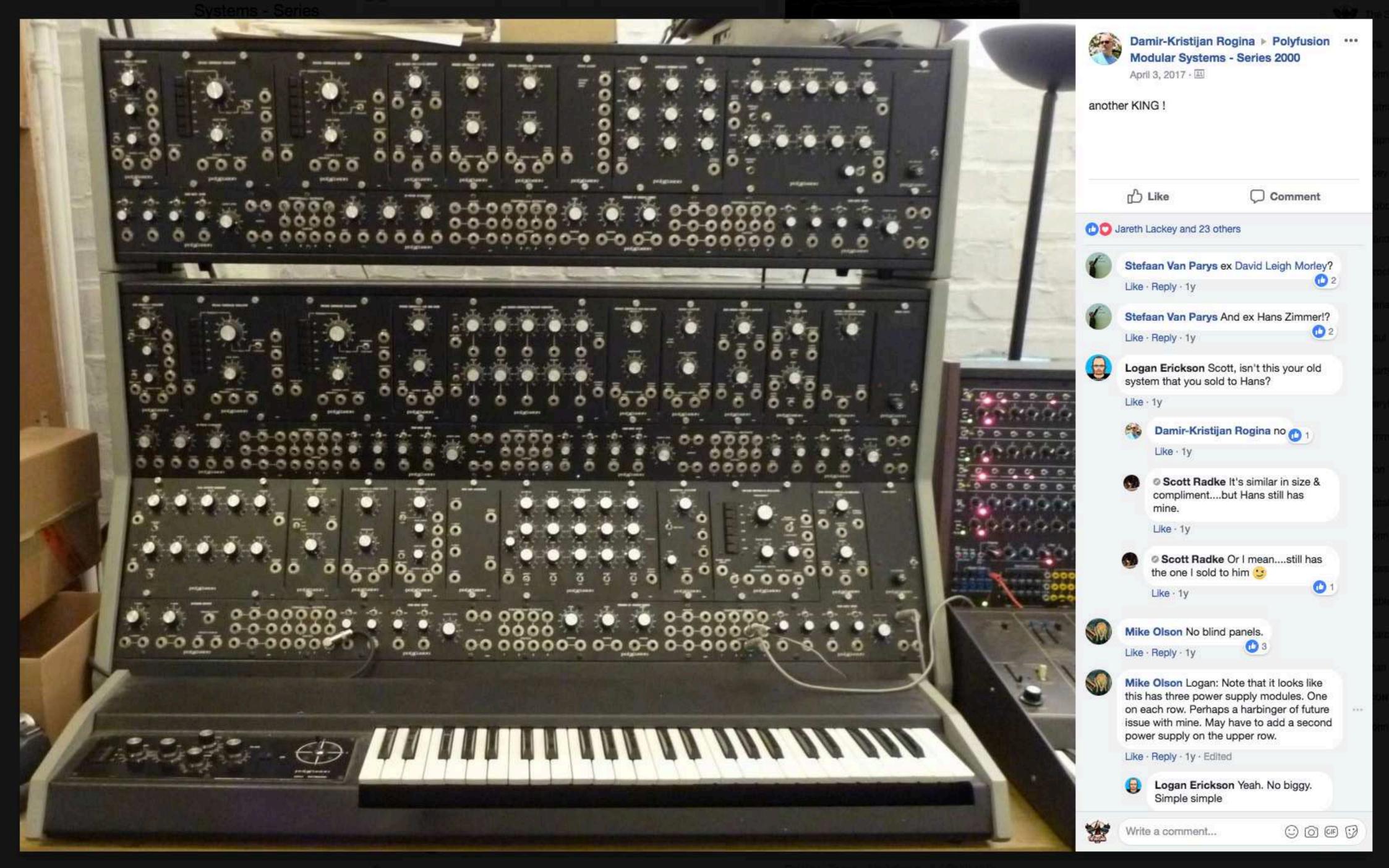




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Aftershow with STEVE PORCARO - amazing TOTO 40th Anniversary Concert in Offenbach/Germany with Steve Porcaro.





A Share





Joseph Williams Steve is great its only human nature.

Like - Reply - 12w



Kirk Sullivan Immensely enjoyed your work on the series Justified!

Like - Reply - 6w



Virginia Charlie Can't wait to see you in Grand Rapids!! Nibble time.

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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

# **Petition For Cancellation**

Notice is hereby given that the following party requests to cancel indicated registration.

## **Petitioner Information**

Name	Polyfusion Electronics, Inc.		
Entity	Corporation Citizenship New York		
Address	30 Ward Rd		
	Lancaster, NY 14806		
	UNITED STATES		

Correspondence	Ron Folkman
Information	30 Ward Rd
	Lancaster, NY 14806
	UNITED STATES
	Phone: (716) 681-3040
	rfolkman@polyfusion.us

# **Registration Subject to Cancelation**

Registration No.	5,454,932	Registration Date	April 24, 2018	
International	016710139	International	November 09,	
Registration No.		Registration Date	2017	
Registrant	POLYFUSION SYNTHESIZERS, LLC			
	2428 N HUMBOLDT BLVD			
	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53212			

# **Goods/Services Subject to Cancellation**

Class 015. First Use: 2018/01/22 First Use in Commerce: 2018/01/22 All goods and services in the class are cancelled, namely: MUSIC SYNTHESIZERS

## **Grounds For Cancellation**

Hornby v. TJX Companies Inc.	87 USPQ2d 1411 (TTAB 2008)	
	[precedential]	
False Suggestion Of A Connection	Trademark Act section 2(a)	

Carter-Wallace, Inc. v. Procter & Gamble	434 F.2d 794, 804 (9th Cir. 1970)

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Electro Source, LLC v. Brandess-Kalt- Aetna Grp., Inc.,	458 F.3d 931, 935 (9th Cir. 2006)
Abandonment Defense	Trademark Act section 63

Lyon v Quality Courts United, Inc.	249 F.2d 790, 795 (6th Cir 1957)
Consumers Union of the United States v New Regina Corp	664 F. Supp. 753 n.12 (S.D.N.Y.1997)
False Designations Of Origin; False Description Or Representation	Trademark Act section 43(a)

Nike, Inc. V Peter Maher and Patricia	Opp. No. 91188789, 2011 WL 3828723
Hoyt Maher	
Dilution By Blurring	Trademark Act section 43(c)

Fendi Adele S.R.L. v. Filene's Basement, Inc.	2010 WL 907869 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 11, 2010)
New York City Triathlon, LLC v. NYC Triathlon Club, Inc.	704 F. Supp. 2d 305 (S.D.N.Y. 2010)
Tiffany & Co. v. Boston Club, Inc.,	231 F. Supp. 836, 844 (D. Mass. 1964)
Dilution By Tarnishment	Trademark Act section 43(c)

TIFFANY AND COMPANY and Tiffany NJ	No. 13 Civ. 104(LTS)(DCF)
(LLC), Plaintiffs,	
v.	
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,	
Defendant.	
Willful Trademark Infringement	Trademark Act section 35(a)

# Mark Cited by Petitioner as Basis for Cancellation

U.S. Registration	NONE	Application Date	06/17/2017
No.			
Registration Date	NONE		
First Use	19770307	First Use In	19770307

	Commerce	
Word Mark	POLYFUSION	
Design Mark	polytasion	
Description of	The mark consists of the word Polyfusion in fancy lettering	
Mark		
Goods Services	009 Electronic effects units for musical instruments	
	015 Electronic musical keyboards; Music synthesizers	

# Mark Cited by Petitioner as Basis for Cancellation

U.S. Registration	1,117,225	Application Date	03/07/1975
No.			
Registration Date	05/01/1979		
First Use	19750400	First Use In	19750400
		Commerce	
Word Mark	POLYFUSION		
Design Mark	Typed Drawing		
Description of	The mark consists of the word Polyfusion in fancy lettering		
Mark			
Goods Services	015 ELECTRONIC MUSIC SYNTHESIZER AND PARTS		
	THEREOF		

Attachments	Petition to cancel.pdf	
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# **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this paper has been served upon all parties, at their address record by email on this date.

Signature	/Ronald J. Folkman/
Name	Ronald J. Folkman
Date	06/20/2018

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK AND APPEAL BOARD

In re Registration of:

Registrant : Polyfusion Synthesizers, LLC

Reg. No. : 5,454,932

Mark : Polyfusion in fanciful characters

Registration Date : April 24, 2018

Polyfusion Electronics, Inc., :

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Petitioner, :

: Cancelation No.

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Polyfusion Synthesizers, LLC,

v.

:

Registrant :

#### PETITION FOR CANCELATION

Polyfusion Electronics, Inc. ("Petitioner"), a New York corporation having its principal place of business at 30 Ward Rd, Lancaster, New York 14806, believes that it is being and/or will be damaged by the continued registration in the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") of mark No. 5,454,932 for the mark POLYFUSION in fanciful characters (the "POLYFUSION" Registration") and hereby petitions to cancel the same under the provisions of 15 U.SC. § 1064 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §2.111(b), as grounds for cancellation.

Petitioner is a leading Contract Electronics Manufacturer ("CEM"), famous electronics designer and maker of synthesizers that has never ceased business operations since its inception in 1975. Along with the design and manufacturing of various audio

and electronic equipment in a wide variety of fields, Petitioner also continues to service its famous synthesizers it has designed and sold until approximately 1983 and continues to sell accessories bearing the mark in question under the contested Trademark. Petitioner's first use in commerce was in 1975 and has never ceased use of name or trademark. The continued presence of the Registration on the federal trademark register constitutes an obstacle to Petitioners continued use of the "Polyfusion" mark on legacy synthesizers as well as new synthesizers, synthesizer accessories, effects pedals and units, audio devices, marketing materials, metadata, advertisements, keywords, websites, and clothing. The Registration, thus, is causing injury and damage to Petitioner and Petitioner has standing to challenge it. Attached as Fake Polyfusion Reporting Me, Fake Polyfusion Reporting Me 2, and Fake Polyfusion Reporting Me 3, are screen shots of Registrant reporting Petitioner's social media sites to the respective companies. Petitioner is being wiped from history because it cannot promote its business, talk about its history, and warn the public to save them from any confusion all because Petitioner cannot use its own name and mark.

Upon information and belief, Polyfusion Synthesizers, LLC is an American limited liability company with its principal place of business at 2428 N Humboldt Blvd, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212 ("the Registrant")

On April 19, 2017, Registrant filed an application to register the mark, "POLYFUSION" in fanciful characters under SECTION 1(b) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051(a). Based on this application, Registrant obtained U.S. Registration No. 5,454,932 (the "Registration"), which issued on April 24, 2018 for the term

POLYFUSION in fanciful characters used on "Music synthesizers" International Class 15.

#### FIRST BASIS FOR CANCELLATION - False Sense Of A Connection

- 1. The TTAB is empowered to order cancellation of registered marks that falsely suggest a connection with "persons, . . . institutions, or national symbols" pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1052(a), 1064.
- 2. The mark in the Subject Registration is the same as the name used by the Petitioner. The mark in Subject Registration points uniquely and unmistakably to the Petitioner.
- 3. The Petitioner is not connected with any activities performed by the Registrant in connection with the mark in the Subject Registration
- 4. The fame or reputation of the Petitioner is such that, when the mark in the Subject Registration is used with the Registrant's goods or services, a connection with the Petitioner is presumed.
- 5. Attached as Fake Polyfusion Website, Fake Polyfusion Tshirt, Fake
  Polyfusion Advertising Back, Fake Polyfusion Advertising Front, Porcaro
  Advertising Back, Porcaro Advertising Front, Fake Polyfusion False
  Advertising II, and Fake Polyfusion False Advertising are examples of Registrant using Petitioner's likeness and persons associated with Petitioner that create a false
  Sense of a Connection.

- 6. Steve Porcaro, a famous keyboard player from the famous band, Toto is still associated with Petitioner. Toto has recorded and is know around the world for, among others, the hit songs "Africa", "Rosanna", "99", and many others.
- 7. Attached as **Steve Porcaro Still Wearing Our New Polyfusion** Tee is a screenshot of Steve Porcaro wearing Petitioner's mark during his last music concert tour with his famous band, Toto.
- 8. Attached as <u>Steve Porcaro's Polyfusion</u> and <u>Steve Porcaro's</u>

  Polyfusion 2 are two pictures of Steve Porcaro's Polyfusion synthesizer with Polyfusion mark on it that Petitioner is currently performing service work on.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Keyboard Magazine conducted an interview with Steve Porcaro on or about Jul 8, 2016. Jon Regen wrote the article. The article talks about Steve's use of his Polyfusion synthesizer on his latest album.
- 10. Upon information and belief, another interview was conducted with Steve Porcaro on or around 07 April 2017 by KVRaudio.com. The interview has pictures of Steve Porcaro's famous Polyfusion synthesizer with the Polyfusion name still on it.
- 11. Petitioner was also recently interviewed for a brand new book called, Patch & Tweak. Patch & Tweak is a new book being written about modular synths, their makers, and masters. Patching secrets, performance tips, history, modules, and techniques. Upon information and belief the authors did NOT interview Registrant concerning the history, legacy, and story behind POLYFUSION synthesizers, because Registrant is NOT the same as the original designer of the synthesizers. When said book is released there will be confusion due to Petitioner

not being able to have contact with its fans and new customers because of the inability to have any type of marketing material, social media page, and so forth. People will only see the Registrant's website and social media pages and will be confused that it is Petitioner.

12. Accordingly, the Subject Registration should be canceled.

Alternatively, the Subject Registration should be transferred to the Petitioner under Section 18 of the Trademark Act of 1947, 15, U.S.C. § 1068.

#### SECOND BASIS FOR CANCELLATION - Abandonment Defense

13. Upon information and belief from a letter dated January 23, 2018 and attached as **2018-01-23 Letter-1**, the Registrant claims no evidence of Petitioner's use of the mark or its intent to resume use of the mark for electronic music synthesizers prior to the application Serial No. 87/513,037:

There is no evidence of your client's use of the mark or its intent to resume use of the mark for electronic music synthesizers prior to the 87/513,037 application. Later use of a trademark cannot retroactively cure a prior abandonment. To the extent your client is relying on "goodwill" from use prior to 2000, such residual goodwill is an insufficient defense to trademark abandonment. See Hornby v. TJX, 87 USPQ2d 1421 (2d Cir 1989).

- 14. Upon information and belief, the Registrant has not shown that there was discontinuance of Petitioner's trademark use, nor Petitioner's intent not to resume any such use, nor that Petitioner had ceased all bona fide uses in the ordinary course of business.
- 15. Petitioner never abandoned the products, the designs, or the customers and loyal fans.
- 16. Neither Scott Radke, Logan Erickson, nor Aaron T. Olejniczak ever called Polyfusion Electronics, Inc., or its CEO (Ronald J. Folkman) to find out

anything about Petitioner's status, to request permission to use anything, to request a license agreement, or to make an offer to acquire part or parcel of the product line.

- 17. Attached as **Ordinary Business Example** is a screenshot of Petitioner operating in the normal course of business offering warranty services under trademark in question. The timestamp on Petitioner's bona fide use is 8 days prior to Registrant's Filing date of April 19, 2017.
- 18. In the case of Wells Fargo v ABD Insurance and Financial Services (Wells Fargo & Company; Wells Fargo , the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals said,

To prove abandonment of a mark as a defense to a claim of trademark infringement, a defendant must show that there was: "(1) discontinuance of trademark use and (2) intent not to resume such use." Electro Source, LLC v. Brandess-Kalt-Aetna Grp., Inc., 458 F.3d 931, 935 (9th Cir. 2006). Even a "single instance of use is sufficient against a claim of abandonment of a mark if such use is made in good faith." Carter-Wallace, Inc. v. Procter & Gamble Co., 434 F.2d 794, 804 (9th Cir. 1970). All bona fide uses in the ordinary course of business must cease before a mark is deemed abandoned.

- 19. Petitioner has been in business for 44 consecutive years. Petitioner has other products in the music industry. Attached as **755MarkII.POS.01.2017** is an examples of an audio product Petitioner has continued to make and sell under the Polyfusion name after lapse of trademark.
- 20. Petitioner still has Synthesizer accessories such as synthesizer patch cables bearing Petitioner's mark and replacement keybeds that are still sold today and often given to existing clients as well, which still contributes to keeping Petitioner's goodwill in the Industry.

21. Upon information and belief, the attached example, **Ordinary Business Example** clearly shows Petitioner's bona fide use of the mark in question in the ordinary course of business 8 days prior to Registrant's filing.

# THIRD BASIS FOR CANCELLATION – False Designation of Origin; False description or representation

- 22. Upon information and belief, Registrant has used Petitioner's likeness on marketing material, used Petitioners actual promotional material, and implied an affiliation with a musical artist that is connected to Petitioner implying that Registrant is actually the Petitioner.
- 23. By using Petitioner's advertising and promotional material, Registrant is misrepresenting the nature, characteristics, qualities, and geographic origin of Registrant's goods.
- 24. By using Petitioner's likeness and products on advertising materials Registrant is likely to cause confusion, cause to mistake, or deceive to the affiliation to Petitioner.
- 25. By using a picture of a musical artist in front of Petitioner's product, Registrant is deceiving as to the affiliation, connection, or association of such person and Petioner's product to Registrant. Steve Porcaro, the famous musical artist in question is still associated with Petitioner along with Steve Porcaro's famous Polyfusion Synthesizers, Damius, Ramses, Ophelia, and Rootus. The advertisement in question has a famous picture of both Steve Porcaro and Damius on one side of the advertisement.
- 26. Upon information and belief, when Registrant was challenged by Steve Porcaro for using his likeness without his consent, Registrant replied that,

"Needless to say, some stickers made their way into a handful of "swag bags" and we sincerely apologize for that." Attached, as <u>Fake Poly Using Steve P W\_Out</u>

Permission, is the email Steve Porcaro sent Petitioner as evidence for this petition.

- 27. Upon information and belief, Petitioner obtained an email from Knobcon, the world's only synthesizer convention, detailing "Swag Bag" instructions. The email is attached as **Knobcon Swag Intent\_**. The email from Knobcon clearly states the instructions necessary to place items in the "Swag Bag".
- 28. Upon Information and belief, this shows Registrants intentional actions to place advertisements with Petitioner's products and brand ambassadors in the "Swag Bag" which Petitioner believes is a false designation of origin and a false description or representation of Registrant's products. Registrant is using the goodwill, reputation, and fame of Petitioner to confuse the public.
- 29. Upon information and belief, Registrant is familiar with, and understands Petitioner's goodwill, reputation, and fame.
- 30. Attached as **Logan Erickson Mike Olson** and **Radke And Erickson Prior Knowledge Of Polyfusion** are examples illustrating that both Scott Radke, the original applicant, and Daniel Logan Erickson-Cudworth, Registered Agent for Polyfusion Synthesizers, LLC both knew of Petitioner's goodwill, fame, and reputation in the industry.
- 31. Attached as **Danny Erickson Polyfusion LLC**, is a screenshot showing Erickson-Cudworth's association with Registrant.
- 32. Attached as <u>Fake Polyfusion False Advertising</u> and <u>Fake</u>

  Polyfusion False Advertising II are examples of the confusion already caused by

Registrant. By using Petitioner's promotional material and using the language, "Coming soon...Again", Petitioner believes that the Registrant has implied a False Designation of the Origin and made a false representation of their products and as seen from their post, it has already caused confusion to the public.

33. Kenneth Samuel Cromie replied to Registrant's post with, "I just had my hand on one." The only "one" that Mr. Cromie could possibly have his hand on is Petitioner's synthesizer because upon information and belief, Registrant's first use was on 2018/01/22 and this was posted by Registrant on May 9, 2017.

# FOURTH BASIS FOR CANCELLATION – Dilution By Blurring; Dilution by Tarnishment

- 34. Petitioner hereby incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 though 29.
- 35. Petitioner's dates of use of its POLYFUSION Mark are prior to the date of filing of Registrants Application and the date of the Registrant's claimed date of first use.
- 36. In view of the identicalness of the respective marks, identical channels of trade and the identical goods offered for sale by the respective parties, Registrant's mark so resembles Petitioner's mark, previously used in the United States, and not abandoned, as to be likely cause of confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to source by suggesting that Registrant's goods are associated with or approved, endorsed, affiliated, authorized, or sponsored by petitioner.
- 37. Registrant's use of Petitioner's Mark is likely to cause dilution by blurring because of the association described above.

- 38. Petitioner is known and has goodwill throughout the music and synthesizer industry for extreme levels of quality, design, engineering, and manufacturing.
- 39. Upon information and belief, Registrant is working with Daniel Logan Erickson-Cudworth ("Logan Erickson").
- 40. Upon information and belief, Logan Erickson is the organizer of Polyfusion Synthesizers, LLC.
- 41. Upon information and belief, Logan Erickson has attempted to, and failed to engineer a discrete version of a popular electronic component named, ua726.
- 42. Upon information and belief, Logan Erickson is using Petitioner's schematics to reverse engineer and clone Petitioner's designs.
- 43. Petitioner's reputation for extreme quality will be tarnished if upon Petitioner's information and belief that Logan Erickson has shown his incapability to reverse engineer other electronic components is true. Furthermore Petitioner has many procedures to ensure Petitioner makes the highest quality synthesizers. Petitioner only uses high quality components in its synthesizers. Because of the high quality components used, manufacturing procedures, design elements, Petitioner is famous in the industry for the reputation of its synthesizers. Legendary is one word that has been used to describe Petitioner's synthesizers by its customers.
- 44. If Registrant has copied Petitioner's design in addition to, what Petitioner believes, creating a false connection with Petitioner, then Petitioner's

reputation will be tarnished if identical components and procedures are not used to manufacture Registrant's synthesizers.

45. If upon information and belief Petitioner has is wrong and Registrant is using its own design behind Petitioner's name, the public will get a synthesizer that will not sound the same as Petitioner's synthesizer and the public will receive a product with the Polyfusion name and logo that is not what they were expecting, which will have an adverse effect on the goodwill and reputation of Petitioner.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that Registration No. 5,454,932 be canceled pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1064(3) or Alternatively, Petitioner requests that the Subject Registration should be transferred to the Petitioner under Section 18 of the Trademark Act of 1947, 15, U.S.C. § 1068 because: (1) The Registrants use of the POLYFUSION trademark falsely suggests a connection with Petitioner, (2) the Registrants claim of abandonment is unproven, (3) Upon information and belief Registrant has used Petitioner's advertising material to imply Registrant's products are associated with Petitioner and upon information and belief Registrant has used false and misleading representation of Petitioner's products in Registrants promotion, (4) Registrant is likely to cause dilution by blurring because of the association that arises from the identicalness between Registrant's mark and Petitioner's mark and impairs the distinctiveness of Petitioner's mark. Registrant is likely to cause dilution by tarnishment because Petitioner is known for extreme high quality in design, engineering, and manufacturing and Registrant has no track record of similar levels of design, nor engineering and manufacturing.

Date: June 28, 2018 Respectfully Submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served by email upon Registrant at the following email addresses of record:

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